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Council Expresses Strong Concern On Surplus Land and School Sales

by Bill Rowland

The city council, during its regular meeting on April 5, considered multiple threats to the "green belt" along the city's northern edge. One of these is the current effort within the Reagan Administration and the U.S. Senate to get parts of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) declared excess to Federal needs and sold to private developers.

Another threat is the proposed sale by Prince Georges County of the now-vacant North End Elementary School—a proposal announced by the county on March 26. Sale of the school and its land to private interests could seriously jeopardize the city's on-going struggle to keep low-density residential zoning for vacant land along the northern and north-eastern perimeters of Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

The city council during its meeting took note of recent newspaper accounts of the Federal actions aimed at the sale of BARC land. They also noted a letter from the Prince Georges County Council to President Reagan, with copies sent to Senator Charles Percy (principal sponsor of the Senate effort) and to the county's representatives in both Houses of the U.S. Congress and in the Maryland House of Delegates. The county council praised the idea of determining which Federal real properties are excess to government needs, saying that "Prince Georges County has, in fact, undertaken a similar program and is attempting to market some of the properties in county ownership. . . ."

The county council in its letter then expressed the view that the BARC property is a "unique asset"; suggested that zoning conflicts could arise in the marketing of any surplus BARC land; and urged the Federal government not to abandon its policy of "discount conveyances" of property to state and local governments and non-profit entities (but suggested that as an alternative the Federal government might sell surplus property to other governmental units "for a price at or near its fair market value" — provided these other governmental units are giv-

DEMOCRATIC CLUB

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will hold its annual legislative wrap-up meeting Friday, April 16 at 8 p.m. at Greenbriar's Community Building. State Senator Ed Conroy and State Delegates Jerry Devlin, Joan Pitkin and Buzz Ryan will present the gain and losses that occurred during the 1982 Maryland legislative session. Following the discussion refreshments will be served.

en enough time for decision and budgeting).

In concluding its letter, the county council said that "... we are genuinely concerned that your new policy of expeditious land disposal does not lead to the loss of irreplaceable public properties. Although they may appear attractive as sources of revenue today, they may be of far greater value for public purposes tomorrow. The Beltsville Agricultural Research Center may be such a property."

Greenbelt's city council agreed that a letter should go to Senator Percy to make him aware of how the city feels about preserving its "green belt."

North End School

North End School was closed by the county Board of Education at the end of June 1981, along with a number of other schools, because of a decrease in the county's youth population. The county's executive branch made known its intention to dispose of schools declared excess, but found itself blocked in some cases by a court order that prohibited the sale of specified schools until a discrimination suit by the NAACP related to the closings had been resolved. North End was included in the court list. Since then, the court, with the consent of the NAACP, has permitted the withdrawal from the suit of two schools — one in Surrattsville and one in Suitland. The NAACP case comes to trial on May 3.

Historically, Prince Georges County municipalities and local agencies have been able to acquire excess school buildings for nominal prices, such as one dollar. The first real intimation of problems for Greenbelt arose when County Executive Lawrence Hogan announced that he had offered to sell the Somerset Elementary School to the city of Bowie, if the State of Maryland would agree to pay off \$310,000 of remaining county debt on the school. Hogan's proposal also called for Bowie to lease five acres of adjoining land from the county for \$3,200 a year for 13 years, at the end of which time title to the land would pass to the city. In addition to those conditions imposed by Hogan, Bowie was to convert the former school into a senior citizen housing project, if the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) would provide the needed funding. Ultimately, the proposed deal between the county and Bowie fell apart, at least in part because HUD decided the project to use Somerset School would not be feasible.

The second, much sharper, signal of alarm for Greenbelt came in January 1982, when the county issued a new announcement soliciting bids for the purchase of Bowie's Somerset School. In its flyer, the county said it would accept only those written bids in

excess of \$300,000, and that it would later allow additional oral bidding by those submitting qualifying written bids. The flyer further noted that the school's current zoning was R-55 (Somerset School is surrounded by residential development) but that the county was offering the property "subject to C-O (Commercial-Office) Zoning and any uses within that zoning category." The announcement made no mention of the fact that the Prince Georges County Council would have to approve such a change in zoning. Greenbelt Administrative Assistant Michael McLaughlin has told the News Review that, according to the Bowie city manager on April 7, the county received no bids for Somerset School as a result of the solicitation.

On March 26 the county's Bureau of Property Management and Services announced a list of nine "school properties we are currently prepared to offer." Included in the list is Greenbelt's North End Elementary School. According to the announcement, "We are utilizing a different marketing concept at this time and will consider contracts including proposals of use. . . . We now offer favorable financing to qualified purchasers, but we do require 30 percent down, in part to insure serious commitment to constructive reuse of the buildings within a reasonable time frame."

Although North End is not the largest building on the nine—
See SALE, p. 6, col. 1

Water Main Flushing

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's systematic water flushing comes to Greenbelt next week: Thursday Evening, April 22 (to Friday Morning) — area bounded by Ridge Road, Lastner Lane, Rosewood Drive and Crescent Road, and Ridge Road from Crescent Road to Southway and Southway to Lakecrest Drive.

The work, which involves the opening of fire hydrants to clear sediment from the pipelines and control water discoloration, will be done between 11 o'clock in the evening and seven (7) o'clock in the morning in order to minimize inconvenience to customers as a result of low pressure or temporary discoloration.

Any customers in the areas being flushed who have discoloration should wait until the water runs clear at the tap before doing any clothes laundering or dishwashing.

An information sheet on the 1982 Scheduled Bi-County Program may be obtained from the Commission's Public Affairs Office, phone (301) 699-4172.

Bikers Seek Pledges for Hosea White Memorial

Several members of the local Jr. Chamber of Commerce and the Potomac Pedalers Bike Club have already registered for the annual Greenbelt RIDE-A-BIKE for the RETARDED on Sunday, May 2 and have committed themselves to 100 miles each in memory of fellow cyclist, HOSEA D. WHITE, JR.

These bikers will welcome pledges per mile (or donations) in order to turn their effort into a sizeable memorial offering to one of Hosea White's favorite groups,

the retarded. Hosea was a regular 100-miler for this annual Greenbelt event.

Pledges can be made by contacting one of the committee members: Eileen Labukas, 474-9486; Leo Davis, 474-9125; Winnie Phibbs, 474-4031; Donna Fluke, 345-1276 or one of the staff at the Greenbelt Recreation Center, 474-6878.

Those interested in riding can pick up pledge forms at the city recreation centers, the library and the area schools or from one of the committee members. Participants may bike, hike or jog.

Club Offers Four Rides

In conjunction with Greenbelt's annual RIDE-A-BIKE the Potomac Pedlers Touring Club has scheduled four special rides for more experienced bikers.

In addition to the regular bike-a-thon to be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on May 2, during the morning the following rides, departing from behind the Coop Supermarket, are offered for the riders who wish to challenge their biking abilities: 9 a.m. — 65 mi. fast-paced route; 9:30 a.m. — 50 mi. route; 11:30 a.m. — 25 mi. route; 12:30 p.m. — 15 mi. slower paced route.

The Club wishes to stress to those interested in joining in any

of the above rides, that each biker must be equipped to handle his own problems, such as flat tires. Pledge forms (which can be picked up at the city recreation centers, the library and area schools) should be brought to the bike-a-thon for validation and then turned in to the recreation center after the routes are completed.

RIDE-A-BIKE is sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the Prince Georges Association for Retarded Citizens for the benefit of the mentally retarded.

For more information about the Potomac Pedalers' rides for the bike-a-thon, call Neal Grotenstein at 552-9444.

School Budget Hearing

The Prince Georges County Council will hold a meeting on the county school budget on Tuesday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. at High Point High School, Powder Mill Road, Beltsville. Parents from Center School will be forming car pools to participate. For information call 441-6622.

The Board of Education had approved an operating budget of \$337,430,026 for operation of the school system in Fiscal Year 1983. It is 9.4% above the amount authorized for FY 82. This budget reflects reductions of staff and expenditures, school closings, etc. Two areas, equipment and building maintenance, have been increased to avoid costly financial and educational problems. Greenbelt schools which were slated for maintenance projects were: Center, enlarged parking lot; Greenbelt Middle School, retube two boilers; and Eleanor Roosevelt High School, grounds maintenance (football field).

County Executive Larry Hogan has recommended that the county authorize 37 million less than the school board has requested. He asks that the county's priority for spending be aimed at safety with increases going to police and fire departments for the purpose of adding more personnel.

What Goes On

Thur., April 16, 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Board Room, Hamilton Pl.

Mon., Apr. 19, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Bldg.

Tue., Apr. 20, 8 p.m. City Council Work Session, Police Budget, Municipal Bldg.

8 p.m. Greenbelt Crime Committee Meeting, Council Conference Rm., Municipal Bldg.

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of City Council

Monday, April 19, 1982

8:00 P.M.

- I. ORGANIZATION
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Meditation
 - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
 4. Minutes of Council Meetings
 5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager
- II. COMMUNICATIONS
 6. Presentation — Ride-A-Bike for Maryland's mentally Retarded Citizens
 7. Petitions and Requests
 8. Administrative Reports
 9. Committee Reports
- III. OLD BUSINESS
 10. Rezoning Discussion — Parcels 1 and 2
 11. Report on Handicapped Parking
 12. Request by Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center for Sponsoring Flea Markets at Center Mall — April through September
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 13. Bid Awards
 - Heating and Air Conditioning, Youth Center
 - Two-Way Radios
 - Concrete Work
 14. Prince George's County Budgets
 15. Antitrust Legislation — The Boulder Decision (Cable TV)
 16. Meetings
- V. MISCELLANEOUS

NOTE: THIS IS A PRELIMINARY AGENDA — SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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Hoyer Letter to Percy

The Honorable Charles Percy

U.S. Senate

4321 Dirksen Building
 Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

I have been watching with interest the recent committee hearings on your surplus land bill, Sen. Res. 231. . . .

But I am concerned over recent testimony and remarks made about the land surrounding the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, which, as you may know, is located in my Congressional District in Maryland. At first appearance, the Research Center appears to be a great park, or, as you put it, "a plantation" for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Rolling acreage covered with grass is not a common sight within a metropolitan area such as Washington, D.C., unless it is designated as a park. This appearance, however, is deceiving when applied to Beltsville. For there, the open fields and "lawns" cover a myriad of experiments, which contribute greatly to the progress of research in agriculture, medical and aerospace sciences.

The 7,500 acres of the Center are divided into experimental pastures, orchards and gardens, fields and woods, with 2,000 USDA employees working in more than 1,000 buildings, research laboratories, greenhouses, barns, poultry houses, mechanical shops, the library and offices. Their research spans such projects as the search for plants that can resist pollution and make their own fertilizer, as well as for faster-growing chickens and more prolific hogs. The underlying mandate at BARC is to get plants to grow faster, produce more of the nutrients we need or grow in soils formerly thought worthless—in short, it is devoted to increasing the food production in this country, an aim, I am sure you, as a representative from a farming state, would appreciate.

You may not be aware that the Center has major collections of seeds, insects, parasites, nematodes, fungi and bacteria. This is important when considering the "green space" that may appear to be unused around Beltsville. The Center maintains a constant war against infectious pests that harm this country's agricultural production, using not only chemical warfare, but also biocontrol methods. One way they do this is to release certain insect parasites on the fields located within BARC's boundaries. A major battle against the Mexican bean beetle is being conducted in this

way. I can only imagine what would happen if these fields were suddenly to be surrounded by dense population or industrial plants spouting pollutants.

The land immediately surrounding Beltsville is made up of a variety of uses, including industrial parks, commercial ventures and residential areas. Many of the land use decisions made by the government of Prince Georges County, where the Center is located, have been predicated on the fact that the Beltsville mission will continue and the land around it will be preserved. In fact, according to the county zoning ordinance, any federal land turned over to the private sector would be zoned for open space or low-density housing.

The need to preserve the open space is not only vital to the Agriculture Department's research efforts, but serves to provide a buffer against encroachment for the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge and NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. Instruments designed by NASA and calibrated at Beltsville are only one facet of the joint work being done at the research site. NASA's sensitive equipment requires as little outside interference as possible. Already NASA officials are concerned over the effects of current growth on their radar testing; any future effects could be devastating.

Beltsville is a unique asset to our government's progress. It is convenient to the USDA headquarters, local universities, other Federal research and regulatory agencies and to Congress and the Administration. In 1979 the GSA reviewed the parcels in and surrounding BARC and decided not to include them on their surplus rolls. While the fiscal concerns of our nation have changed since then, I feel the direction and mandate of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center has not.

I hope you will review the testimony with regard to Beltsville in this light. . . . I support the idea and the goals of the Fair Property Review Board and its work to quickly release federal lands to the private sector. But I feel that we should not be "penny wise and pound foolish" in this matter. Once land is developed in an area like that surrounding BARC, it can never be returned to its former state. I feel that to do this would seriously jeopardize the pioneering work of the hundreds of scientists and technicians who are so diligently working for the welfare of us all.

STENY H. HOYER
 Member of Congress

Arts Center Hopes For Flea Market

by Caroline Huang

The Cultural Arts Center plans to sponsor a market sale on Saturday afternoons at the Greenbelt Center Mall soon, provided the city council approves the project.

The Greenbelt City Council was approached by representatives of the Cultural Arts Center to discuss the possibilities of starting a market sale, or flea market, this month.

Konrad Herling, representing the Cultural Arts Center, said that the endeavor was designed to increase the flow of traffic in the Mall, as well as promote upcoming productions of The Utopia Theatre. There are also plans for the flea market to become a sort of gathering place where neighbors can meet and sell their own products.

Tentative plans were made to have the market opened on Saturday afternoons from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting this month through September.

However, city officials suggested that the operation should start off slowly in the beginning, having the sale only once or twice a month, and then building up gradually.

Provisions under the project, say the Cultural Arts Center representatives, include a five dollar charge for the renting of a table or space to sell a variety of things such as arts and crafts, or those items usually found at yard sales.

Council contends that they do foresee some problems, such as parking, permits, and proper control over such a large operation.

Council will discuss the flea market proposal further at its regular meeting Monday, April 19.

Committee Discusses FDR Commemoration

The Greenbelt FDR Commemoration Committee held its first meeting on April 7. Views were exchanged on ways to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's birth. The group feels Greenbelt Day in June would be an appropriate time to commemorate Roosevelt's birth.

Letters are being sent to city organizations inviting their participation. The next meeting of the committee is April 21 at 8 p.m. in city offices.

Fire Dept. Responds To Bogus Solicitations

In recent months there has been a great increase in instances in which individuals have contacted county businesses for donations to the Prince Georges County Fire Service. Many of these requests are not affiliated with the fire service.

The Prince Georges County Volunteer Firemen's Association and many of the member companies do solicit donations but not by phone. However, because of the number and nature of the bogus requests the fire department recommends that those contacted should telephone the Volunteer Firemen's Association Office at 699-2939 to confirm the validity of any request.

The Prince Georges County Professional Fire Fighters Association solicits donations for various benefits. As there have also been bogus requests for donations for this Association, it is recommended that people telephone 249-2454 prior to making any donations.

Vernon D. Wilson

Vernon D. Wilson, 62, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, died Saturday in Kent General Hospital of an aneurism.

Mr. Wilson was a systems analyst for 14 years at the Small Business Administration in Washington before retiring eight years ago after 31 years of federal service. He was a U.S. Army corporal in Europe during World War II, where he received a Purple Heart. As an active member of the Milton Lions Club, Mr. Wilson edited an in-house bulletin for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Mary V. Wilson; three sons, Robert E. Clinton Jr., and Philip; a daughter, Barbara Jean, and two grandchildren.

Bahá'í Faith

Greenbelt Community
 P.O. Box 245
 Greenbelt, Md. 20770
 474-4090/345-2918

Paint Branch Unitarian Church

3215 Powder Mill Rd.
 (near Cherry Hill Road)
FORUM: 9:30 a.m. "Antarctica Today: More than just a laboratory," with Jan Siren, Research Associate at Institute of Physical Science at Maryland University
SERVICE: 11 a.m. "Greenbelt: a Legacy of Concern" by Betty Allen and the Lay Services Committee 937-3666

Greenbelt Discussed

"Greenbelt: A Legacy of Concern" will be discussed at the 11 a.m. service at Paint Branch Unitarian Church. The speaker will be Betty Allen, the librarian who is in charge of the Tugwell Room at the Greenbelt library. The Allen family were long-time Greenbelt residents until they moved several years ago to the agriculture farms.

At the 9:30 a.m. Forum, Jan Siren, research associate at the Institute of Physical Science at Maryland University will discuss "Antarctica Today: more than just a laboratory." Visitors are welcome at either service.

Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church
 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410
 Church School - 9:30-10:30 a.m.
 ages: Nursery to Adult.
 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
 Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor.
 474-1924

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 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 First and third Sundays
 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
 Second and fourth Sundays
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
 Rev. John G. Bals, Rector
 422-8057

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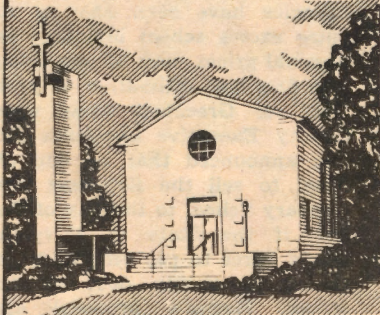
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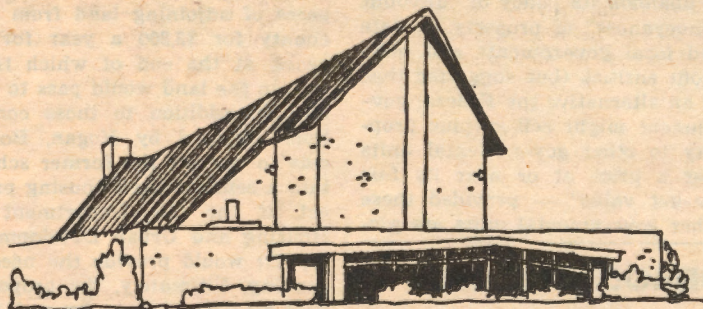
Greenbelt Community Church



(United Church of Christ)
 Hillside and Crescent Roads
 Phone 474-6171 mornings

11 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship and Church School

Nursery provided at 2B Hillside
 Rev. Sherry Taylor and Rev. Harry Taylor co-pastors



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road
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 Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

Sunday morning nursery at both services

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111



Egg Hunt Brings Smiles to Many

by Rema Boscov

There were about 600 happy children taking part in the annual Easter Egg Hunt last Monday morning at Greenbelt Lake Park. The recreation department produced a well-organized and fun-filled event replete with a family of bunnies handing out a good deal of additional candy and raisins to supplement the 2600 "eggs" which were scattered throughout the park. This year the recreation department wrapped candies in aluminum foil instead of buying the plastic eggs previously used, enabling them to purchase more candy with the allotted funds. The eggs were hidden during the early dawn hours by twelve recreation department staff members. Sections were assigned to different age groups with the hardest hunting for grades 5 and 6. In each of the four sections a golden egg, each containing \$10, was hidden. The golden egg winners were: Preschool-Kindergarten, Michael Collins; 1st and 2nd grades, Tina Prince; 3rd and 4th grades, Dale Bingham; and 5th and 6th grades, Danny Kellaher.

The recreation department's budget for the Easter Egg Hunt (\$250) was generously supplemented by area merchants who donated money as well as supplying coupons, some of which were found inside the foil eggs. Chief among them were AMC Theaters, 3-Brothers, Denny's, McDonald's, Roy Rogers, Donuts 'n' Stuff, Wendy's, Greenbelt Carry-Out and the Greenbelt Coop.

Following the hunt was a performance of "The Kissing Piece" by the Blue Sky Theater, a Washington based group who have brought their unusual talents into many of the area schools.

The recreation center has sponsored this annual event for the past 40 years. It's a tradition worth keeping.

games are played on Monday evenings with recreational play on Wednesday evenings. Both are from 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Everyone, age 16 years and over, is welcome.



Six-year-old David Davis of Greenbelt finds an egg hidden in the leaves. About 600 youngsters turned up for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Monday morning.

The long and the short of it. Jack Rapp and friend enjoy Egg Hunt at Greenbelt Lake.

— Photos by staff photographer J. Henson

Recreation Review

SPRING CONCERT

The Greenbelt Concert Band of Prince Georges County, under the direction of John DelHomme opens its Spring-Summer Concert Series with a performance at the Greenbelt Youth Center on Sunday, April 18 at 2 p.m. in the Greenbelt Youth Center. The public is invited, admission is FREE!

CPR CLASSES

The Spring Class Schedule is noted below. To pre-register, call the business office. Choose the most convenient location. Hours are 7 to 10:30 p.m. at the following locations: Youth Center May 11 and 12; Springhill Lake Recreation Center, April 21 and 22.

TENNIS COURT USE

Spring is here, and the city's

courts will be in their usual heavy demand. Tennis players are advised to check posted rules and regulations for court use as well as scheduled department lessons and tournaments. This will avoid any unnecessary inconveniences.

BALLFIELD PERMITS

Field permits for Braden, McDonald, North End Elementary and Northway Fields are now in effect. All groups holding permits for these facilities must have a copy of the permit in their possession while on the field. All times not permitted are on a first come, first served basis.

VOLLEYBALL - COMPETITIVE AND RECREATIONAL

Co-recreational volleyball, both competitive and recreational, is played at the Greenbelt Center School Gymnasium. Competitive

RIDE-A-BIKE

Sunday, May 2

Rain Date: Sunday, May 16

A State-Wide Bike-A-Thon For The Benefit Of Maryland's Mentally Retarded Citizens

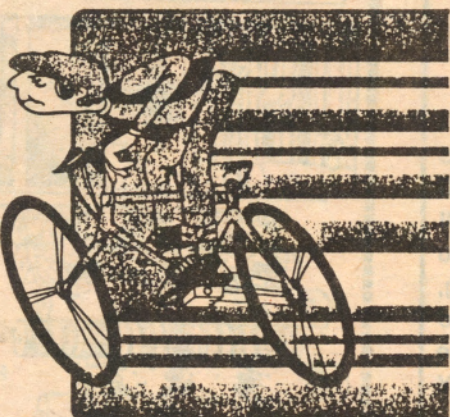
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- 10 Speed Bicycles
- Personalized Trophies
- LCD Digital Quartz Watches
- AM/FM Portable Radios
- Multi-colored T-Shirts
- Frisbees

* Availability of local prizes may vary in each County. Contact your local ARC for exact details.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

Prince George's County Association for Retarded Citizens 262-6106 or Greenbelt Recreation Dept. 474-6878



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NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT



At its regular meeting, held on March 15, 1982, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, adopted Charter Amendment Resolution No. 1982-1 (Resolution No. 507), and the following title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND ENLARGING THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT BY ANNEXING CERTAIN LAND CONTIGUOUS AND ADJOINING THE EXISTING CORPORATE AREA, SUCH LANDS COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE MARYLAND TRADE CENTER PROPERTY (PARCEL B, GREENBELT EAST SUBDIVISION, 7.5000 ACRES), CAMERON BROWN INVESTMENT GROUP PROPERTY (33.7521 ACRES), CHARLES M. BAKER ET UX PROPERTY (0.8885 ACRES), AND HENRY M. WITT PROPERTY (11.1574 ACRES), ALL LOCATED TO THE SOUTH OF THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT IN THE VICINITY OF THE GREENWAY SHOPPING CENTER AND HANOVER PARKWAY, TOGETHER WITH ADJACENT PUBLIC ROADWAYS, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIAL TREATMENT OF THE UNDEVELOPED TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY IN THE AREA ANNEXED FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ANNEXATION FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS OR, IF SOONER, UNTIL THE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS

On March 15, 1982 a public hearing was held by the City Council of Greenbelt on the above resolution, and the hearing was advertised and held in due form according to the laws of the State of Maryland. The amendment shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, according to the terms of the amendment in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the 29th day of April, 1982, unless within forty-five (45) days of its passage the City Council of Greenbelt receives a petition for referendum in accordance with the provisions of Section 19 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as amended).

A copy of the above Charter Amendment Resolution 1982-1 is posted in the Greenbelt Municipal Building-Edgar L. Smith Wing, in accordance with the requirements of Section 13(d) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and copies may also be obtained from the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland. Telephone: 474-3870 or 474-8000.

Gudrun H. Mills, CMC
City Clerk

Boys & Girls Club

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club basketball season ended this year on a high note. Two teams, the 14-year-old boys and the 10-year-old boys, took top honors in their leagues. The 11-year-old boys tied for second place in their league. The 15-year-old boys and the 11-year-old boys were runners-up in the Berwyn Heights Tournament, and received team trophies. Greenbelt received quite an honor by being awarded the sportsmanship trophy for this tournament.

Now that the season is over, all players should return their uniforms to the Youth Center on Tuesday or Thursday evenings.

At the Library

There will be an adult book discussion at the Greenbelt Library on Thursday, April 22, at 10:15 a.m. Jean Auel's *Clan of the Cave Bear* will be discussed.

UM AG DAY '82

Agriculture Day 1982 will be held this Saturday, April 17, at the University of Maryland in the Barn Area of the College Park Campus. The activities will begin about 9 a.m. and continue all day, ending in the evening with a chicken dinner and square dance.

Activities for the entire family include animal displays, sheep shearing, a petting zoo, arts and crafts, and different kinds of food. To reach the Barn Area, turn left from University Boulevard on Azalea Lane. Continue a few blocks and the activities will be visible on the right.

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- 1981-1983 Bd. of Directors
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Airman George R. Massie, Jr., son of Judi E. Druley of Westway Dr., has been assigned to Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., after completing Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He is a 1981 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Condolences to Arlene Taylor, teacher at Center School, on the recent death of her mother.

Congratulations to four Center School instrumental students who received a superior rating in the recent Prince Georges County Solo and Ensemble Festival in Largo. Sasha Bockburn and Tara Beall performed a flute duet, Cathy Smith, an oboe solo and Joel Cahalan, a flute solo.

Frank Nichter of Charlestowne Village placed third in the "Mr. Teenage D.C. Physique Contest" which was held April 3 in McLean, Va. Frank, who has been a devotee of body building for four years, was on the wrestling team at Roosevelt High School during his senior year 1979-80.

Clinton Costin of 2 Plateau Place has been inducted into the U.S. Navy. He is presently sta-

tioned at the Great Lakes Naval Base in Chicago. Clinton is a former News Review carrier.

Mark Anthony White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry White of Hedgewood, successfully completed a year of studies at the Diesel Institutes of America.

Bon voyage to Donna Brunatti and her grandmother, Alverta Shanahan, who left April 3 for a 2-week study tour of Amsterdam, Paris and Rome with about 50 other students and chaperones from Elizabeth Seton High School.

On March 15 Danny Patterson of Ridge Rd. successfully achieved his GED high school diploma.

The Prince Georges County Breakfast of Champions AA Association honored Carol Pelosi as one of the outstanding youth of the county. Carol is national indoor and outdoor womens' crossbow champion.

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The workshop, called SPEECHCRAFT, is open to members of the public for a very nominal fee to cover registration and course materials. The program begins Wednesday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m.,

and will be held each Wednesday evening at the original Knights of Columbus Hall, lower level, at 9300 Baltimore Boulevard in College Park. SPEECHCRAFT participants will learn impromptu speaking, various styles of speaking and how to listen and evaluate others' communication.

For information about participating in the SPEECHCRAFT program, contact Steve Polaschik at 474-9352 evenings or week-end or 853-3681 during workdays.

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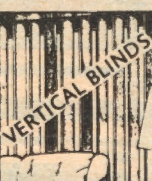
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CITY NOTES

The severe windstorm earlier this week caused some damage in the city. The parks crew cut down eight trees which had been severely damaged. One of the trees had fallen onto the bleachers at McDonald Field causing approximately \$600 damage. Wind also blew sections of roof shingles off the Springhill Lake Recreation Center—damage estimated at \$200.

The general crew continued to work on the new announcer's shed on Braden Field. Members of the crew also patched streets.

The special trash crew has been working six days a week because requests for pickups are continuing to run very heavy.

Last Week

The parks crew worked on landscaping on Southway this week. The crew also had the leaf vacuum and chipper out several days picking up leaves and roadside debris.

The general crew worked on the path for the new underpass on Hillside Rd. between Research and Laurel Hill Rd. A storm drain was installed and the area was graded around the underpass. The new path is now complete except for some surface cold mix and cinders. The general crew also assisted the contractors building the announcer's booth and electrical/storage shed on Braden Field. Traffic signs were installed at various locations.

Special trash requests are continuing to run very heavy and the pickups are approximately 3-4 days behind schedule. One member of the parks crew has been assisting the special trash crew with collections.

The parks crew had the leaf vacuum and chipper out several days this week and collected leaves and roadside debris from underpasses and along the streets. Maintenance was also done on the fields at Northway Ball Park.



REHABILITATION MEETINGS

Until heat and hot water conversion is completed, weekly pre-conversion meetings will be held on Mondays from 5-6:30 p.m. in the GHI Board Room. The purpose of these meetings is to provide information about heat and hot water conversion. GHI staff will be present to answer questions and information sheets will be available for members. Pre-conversion meetings will be held on the following Mondays:

APRIL 19

APRIL 26

MAY 3

Members should attend the meeting scheduled for the week in which their unit is scheduled to be converted.

Post-conversion meetings will be held once a month on the second Wednesday at 8 p.m. These meetings will feature a speaker from PEPCO. In April the meeting is scheduled for the following day:

MAY 12

If members have specific issues they would like addressed or find the meeting inconvenient, they may contact the Member Services Coordinator, Dennis Lewis, (474-6644). Arrangements can be made for other meetings or information can be provided.

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Sale of North End School?

(Continued from page one)

school list, its 13.1 acres of land is greater than that for any of the other eight schools. According to a written report compiled by McLaughlin, and given to the city council along with City Manager James Giese's own written comments, the county expects to get between \$375,000 and \$600,000 for each of these properties. North End School has \$214,000 in outstanding debt on the building. Utility and cleaning expenses for the school totalled more than \$16,000 in fiscal year 1981, and the salaries of four custodial employees were additional to that amount.

McLaughlin reported that if the county finds someone interested in buying and using the North End site, the county will then ask the court to release the school from the court injunction banning sale. McLaughlin noted that "County representatives are assuming the facility will be used for office space."

City Manager's Comments

Giese reminded the city council that although it had discussed possible uses for North End School, it had reached no decisions. The report of a use study by staff of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission was delivered to the city during the council meeting, too late to be reviewed and discussed that night.

Giese told the council that he had so far seen no use proposals that would repay the city for the large costs necessary if the city were to buy and maintain the building. He stated that he was "reluctant to recommend acquisition of the school building." He did recommend, on the other hand, that the city "make every effort to acquire the vacant land for park use, and that the city seek its transfer to the city at nominal cost."

As to the county suggestion that the building might be suitable for offices, Giese told the council in his written comments: "Commercial zoning would be totally contrary to the Greenbelt Master Plan and would certainly reduce the city's recent efforts to keep zoning in that area to low density residential use. Therefore, it is recommended that the city council advise the county executive and the county council that any proposal to utilize the North End School that would necessitate the rezoning of the property to a use incompatible with the adjacent uses would be totally unacceptable to the city and would be vigorously opposed."

Or, as Giese said it orally to the council, the city should let the county know that they cannot make money off a private sale of the school because the city will fight rezoning "tooth and nail."

Discussion

Mayor Richard Castaldi offered a new suggestion that he thought might be of interest to the county. As a hedge against a possible increase in school population within perhaps ten years, he wondered whether a joint "trust" arrangement might be set up whereby the city and an agency such as MNCPPC would use and maintain the building until such time as it might again be needed as a school.

Giese replied that he was not sure the city can afford the maintenance cost. Councilman Richard Pilski said that the important thing for the city is the land, not the building. Estimating that the land might cost the city about \$16,500 an acre, Pilski termed such a cost "cheap" and said "Let's buy the land, and the building will take care of itself."

Mayor Pro Tem Gil Weidenfeld said he thinks the prices asked by the county are pretty high. He believed the city's first strategy step should be to make it clear to the county that it will not be able to make an easy commercial sale because of the city's opposition to rezoning. Giese commented that a number of communities have, in the past, received schools for virtually no cost, and he hates to see Greenbelt have to buy "our" school. He remarked that ten months from now the city could be dealing with different people at the county level. Castaldi agreed that the city should not start "waving dollars."

Councilman Thomas White questioned whether it would be good strategy for the city to antagonize the county executive by taking a hard line. White pre-

ferred a more positive approach of trying to persuade the county that the best use for the school would be use by the community, and that rezoning would be unreasonable.

County Councilman Roy Dabney, who has been attending Greenbelt's council meetings for the past several months, offered his view of the situation. He explained that "this county executive" (meaning Hogan) has a problem with the county accepting the burden of outstanding bonded indebtedness on vacant schools. Dabney thinks Greenbelt must accept this view, and that a confrontation with the county executive "will not do the trick." Dabney suggested the city try to work out some kind of cooperative-use arrangement with the county. As to a major reason given by the county for trying to sell vacant schools as quickly as possible, Dabney assured the city council that vandalism of vacant schools has indeed been a serious problem. He cited a vacant Langley Park school from which vandals had stripped out wiring and just about everything else possible.

Weidenfeld too said that the city should not take a fighting stance at this point. The council members then agreed that the city staff should draft an appropriate letter of concern and protest to the county executive and the county council.

La Leche Meeting

The La Leche League of Greenbelt will meet on Monday, April 19 at 8 p.m. at 34-E Ridge Rd. Anyone interested in breastfeeding is welcome to attend. For further information call 346-2670.

REHABILITATION INFORMATION



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Three purse snatchings took place on April 2 between 9 and 10 p.m. on Hanover Parkway, Cherrywood Lane and Mandan Road. The same suspect is believed to be involved in all three. In each case a lone woman was accosted as she was walking to or from her apartment building.

Sgt. James R. Craze arrested a person for assault and battery and possession of burglar tools. The person was also a fugitive.

A warrant has been obtained by Detective Terrence M. McGrath for a male who was identified as a suspect by a young girl whom he had been molesting by touching. The incident took place in the Beltway Plaza.

A woman reported that while she was waiting for a bus at Westway and Ridge, a man approached and asked for directions. He then exposed himself and ran from the scene.

In two incidents, four persons were arrested for shoplifting at Marshal's at Beltway Plaza.

Pfc. Fred E. Murray charged a suspect with disorderly conduct and possession of drugs at the Beltway Plaza.

Controlled drugs were stolen from the pharmacy located inside the Dart Home Store in the Greenway Shopping Center.

Two Springhill Lake apartments were entered during the day via windows. A stereo and a TV were reported stolen.

Pfc. Mark A. DiPietro has resigned from the Greenbelt Police Department in order to move to

Crime Committee

The newly appointed Greenbelt Crime Prevention Committee held its first meeting on March 14. Robert Flynn was elected chairman. Hollis Weisman, vice-chairman and Sharon Weidenfeld, secretary. Other members are James P. Desautels, Richard G. Cripe, Clifton Brown Jr. and Ruth Kastner. Non-voting committee members are Ed Putens, representing City Council and Doug Sappington, representing the Police Department. The non-voting representative from the Community Relations Advisory Board has not yet been named.

Another Vacancy

With the resignation of Gregory P. Barth, a second vacancy now exists on the Prince Georges County Democratic Central Committee in the 24th Legislative District.

A public hearing to fill this vacancy has been scheduled for Tuesday evening, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the New Carrollton City Hall located at 8511 Legation Road in New Carrollton.

Any person interested in filling this vacancy and who is a resident of the 24th Legislative District is invited to appear before the Committee and present their resume.

Westminister, Md. He has accepted a position with the Westminister police department. His resignation was accepted with regret by the Greenbelt department.

Officer John R. Squires, formerly of the Frederick city police force, has started his employment with the Greenbelt Police Department. Officer Squires, his wife, Mary, and their two children have recently moved from Frederick to a residence on Lakecrest Drive.

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Greenbelt Homemakers

Sue Soule will be hostess for the next regular meeting of the Greenbelt Homemakers. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 21 at 8:00 p.m. Co-hostess will be Marie Wnuk.

"Dressing to Flatter Your Figure" is the topic of the evening by Martha Sinden. The Club is open to all. Contact Winnie Phibbs at 474-4031 for more information.

GHI NOTES

The GHI Board of Directors will meet on April 15 at 8 p.m. in the GHI Board Room. Items on the agenda include the draft GHI Handbook, the Phase II window contract, the sale of radiators and copper and an additional option of a stubby series hot water tank.

The GHI Board will also meet in the Board Room on April 22 after a brief GDC Board of Directors meeting at 8 p.m. The regular Monday pre-conversion meeting will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. on April 19 in the Board Room. Other meetings for the next week include a Personnel Committee meeting on April 19 at 8 p.m. in the Board Room and an Aesthetics and Environment Committee meeting on April 19 at 8 p.m. in the Lunch Room.

Members in the brick, block, frame with slate roof and five freestanding prefab homes are reminded that the window color survey form is due April 16. To see what the bronze and white colors look like, members can view the windows that were installed on frame homes under Phase I.

Weather permitting, siding work will continue at 5, 6, 7 and 8 courts Plateau next week. For the up-to-date heat and hot water conversion schedule, call the rehab hotline (474-6644) during non-business hours when a recorded message is on the line. GHDC rehabilitation work, in particular inside electrical and plumbing work, is proceeding 1½-2 weeks behind schedule. Because PEPCO has to provide electrical service outside buildings, the actual conversion work is lagging approximately three weeks behind pre-placement work. GHI is working to resolve this problem with PEPCO.

Lectures for Secretaries Offered by P.G. College

Two "Lunchtime Lecture Series" that begin during National Secretaries Week (April 19-23) will be offered by the Community Services Office of Prince Georges Community College. These free lectures, scheduled for Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12 noon to 1 p.m., are designed to provide secretaries with an opportunity to hear business and career experts discuss topics which concentrate on enhancing one's professional image and performance.

The Terrace Room at the Greenbriar Community Building (7600 Hanover Parkway) will host "Lunchtime Lecture Series." The dates, topics and presenters are: April 21 - "Professional Image From the Outside In," Jean Martin, Wardrobe Consultant; April 28 - "Professional Image From the Inside Out," Joan Wing, Management Consultant; May 5 - "Telephoning For Professional Results," Joan Hicks, Business Consultant; May 12 - "A Total Look: You and Your Money," Bunny Sheridan, Financial Consultant.

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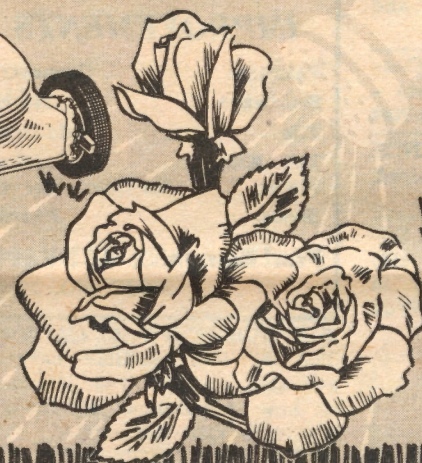


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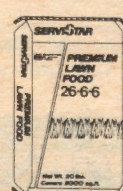
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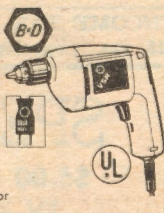
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